Floating of tenders for leasing of Airports

5331. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently floated tenders for leasing out the airport in the country;

(b) if so, the details of terms and conditions of the tender;

(c) the details of offers received in response to the tender; and

(d) by then the process of leasing out the airports is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Losses suffered by IA

5332. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines made a loss of Rs. 35 crores in the first six months of the current financial year, as against last years turn-around profit of Rs. 47 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Minister's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "The Great Indian Airline's rope trick losses turn profit in paper" published in the Indian Express dated the 20th January, 2000; and

(d) if so, the details of the fictitious account to show profit on papers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Indian Airlines Ltd. follows Accounting Standards (AS) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The account of Indian